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In re application of: Alain Duerr et al.

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For: VIALS-BLINDING SOLUTION (Container and Its Use in Packaging, For Example Packaging For Remedies)

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.